TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 2001

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

For those who wonder why some men loose their hair, I think I have put together a rational reason for that phenomenal occurrence. Most of us are aware of a continued problem with the 146.91 repeater. Les K4SJC is one of those guys who will not toss the towel in and surrender. As a matter of fact he - along with his crew including Archie WN3DHI and Ken KD4HNW - have made so many trips to and from the repeater site that they have just about worn the hinges off the gate. Each and every time Les makes a change to the repeater it performs just great i.e. until he gets back home. However, I do believe that with his persistence, even with the loss of most of his hair , we see the light at the end of the tunnel...or is that a freight train coming? This club is most grateful to Mr. Les. His vocabulary does not contain the works "I give up."

Stephanie K4MVO is starting another Technician radio class. We are beginning to understand who is causing all the QRM. Keep up the good work, Stephanie. No real plans have been established for a class for those who wish to upgrade to Extra Class but it is still on the front burner.

Thanks to Ozzie, N4SCY the club now has a web site. Be sure and take a look at <http://www.titusvillearc.org> or just <titusvillearc.org>.

Also in the real near future if you are a member of TARC you will have less to remember. If you wish to e-mail a fellow club member all you need to do is remember his or her call and follow it with @titusvillearc.org. The e-mail will be sent to your e-mail as listed in the TARC roster. If you do not wish your e-mail to be listed, contact either bhughes@cfl.rr.com or k4cwg@titusvillearc.org or n4scy@titusvillearc.org. You most likely have already received e-mail from Ozzie. If not then there may be an error in your e-mail address as listed in the TARC Roster.

We regret to learn of the passing of Mrs. Ella Jean Martin of Paragould, Arkansas. Ella Jean, the sister of Pike W4EPU, passed away after a short stay in the hospital. Pike and Clara KF4YQL have just returned from Arkansas. We are thankful that they had a safe trip to and from Arkansas. Our condolences are extended to them and to their family.

See you at the Feb. 20 club meeting. Best of 73s and 88s.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

FEB. 1 WA1NXI MICHAEL WHELPLEY
FEB. 2 WB4DXD BUCK TOMLINSOM
FEB. 2 K4CWG BUD HUGHES
FEB. 3 KF4WOZ BARBARA DALLAS
FEB. 4 W4LAC JASON RUDISELL
FEB.14 WB4ZUY WYNN ROSTEK
FEB.15 KF4UXT JIM TYNER
FEB.15 W4GWB CHARLES MOREHOUSE
FEB.15 KF4ZOL JIMMY EDWARDS
FEB.16 KD4ZAH JEWEL SANFORD
FEB.17 KE4YQL CLARA ABELL
FEB.17 KF4HTB BECKY LEE
FEB.21 N4WIN WALT FOSTER
FEB.25 K4IXU JOHN PITTMAN
FEB.26 KE4ZPA JOHN RENNINGER
FEB.26 KE4BBL CINDY BORTLE

CHANGES IN WASHINGTON WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

From 2/01 QST

While the new Bush administration's change of roster in telecommunications was not entirely clear when we went to press, several major shifts are anticipated. By the time you read this, it is likely that FCC Commissioner Michael Powel will be FCC Chairman. The current Chairman, William Kennard, a democrat appointee will be gone, but Commissioner Susan Ness stays on. The impact this will have at the staff level is not yet determined, but the departure of Dale Hatfield, W01FO, Chief of FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology means the loss of a very sympathetic ear deep within the working of the Commission.

Some "personnel" changes on the Hill are also being watched with great interest. For example, Representative Billy Tauzin (R-LA-3rd), is likely to step up from Chairman of the Telecommunications Subcommittee. However, watch for possible changes in the actual committee functions, which may be divided among other committees. For example, there is talk of integrating some of the financial areas of Commerce with the functions of the House Banking Committee to create a new committee under the Chairmanship of Ohio Congressman Michael Oxley (R-OH-4th). Oxley has been a long time Amateur Radio supporter. The telecommunications Subcommittee is likely to remain a subcommittee of Commerce, but with far more streamlined jurisdiction, focusing just on telecommunications and dropping the "trade and consumer protection" from its title. Speculation on the likely new Subcommittee Chairman is split between Cliff Stearns (R-FL-6th) and Paul Gillmor (R-OH-5th). Both are long time members of the subcommittee and have been supportive of Amateur Radio. Rumor also has it that Massachusetts Congressman Edward Markey (D-MA-7th), Ranking Member of the committee and regarded by many to be one of the telecommunications mavens on The Hill, may leave the subcommittee to consolidate his position on the Natural Resources Committee. If he does that, Representative Rick Boucher (D-VA-9th) appears well placed to become the new Ranking Member.

ARRL'S "RADIOS ON-LINE" SERVICE NOW FREE TO MEMBERS

Listing a classified ad to buy or sell Amateur Radio-related equipment on the ARRL's *Radios On-Line service* service now is free to League.

Members. Listings will continue to be available for viewing by everyone, but now that *Radios On-Line* is an ARRL membership benefit, only League Members may post ads.

ARRL members now can post free ads up to 100 words - subject to a few rules. Members must first register for access to the ARRL members-only pages and be logged on as a member in order to post ads. Classifieds listed on *Radio On-Line* will remain posted for 30 days unless canceled earlier.

Radios On-Line is for noncommercial, personal use. There are no provisions for nonmembers to post classified advertising. The service provides for listings in more than two dozen categories. Members may list ads seeking or selling Amateur Radio related equipment. The site includes a search engine to look for specific items.

The ARRL does not warrant any items advertised on *Radios On-Line*, nor are individual advertisers subject to scrutiny. The ARRL reserves the right, at its discretion, to decline a listing or to discontinue an ad without prior notice. Visit the Radios-On-Line site: www.arrl.org/RadiosOnline to place or view ads.

A HE OR SHE?

From the Internet

An English teacher was explaining to his students the concept of gender association in the English language. He noted how hurricanes at one time were given only female names, and how ships and planes were usually referred to as "she". One of the students raised her hand and asked, "What gender is a computer?"

The teacher wasn't certain, so he divided the class into two groups: males in one, females in the other, and asked them to decide if a computer should be masculine or feminine. Both groups were asked to give four reasons for their recommendations.

The group of women concluded that computers should be referred to as masculine because:

1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve your problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that, if you had waited a little longer, you could have had a better model.

The men on the other hand, decided that computers should definitely be referred to as feminine because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

INTERNET UPDATE

From Dec. CyberSKIP

Do It Yourself: If you enjoy rolling up your sleeves and mucking in, then you'll like the DoItYourself.com Web site. With everything you need to know about home improvement and home repair, this site will take you step by step through all kinds of DIY activity. Tips from experts and the most commonly asked questions means that if you are planting a vegetable patch or sealing the bath, you'll be in good hands. This free site will also direct you to reputable contractors for a free quote. No cowboys allowed. World Wide Web: **http://doityourself.com**

Finding Veterans Online: Military.com is helping past and present members of the military mark Veterans Day by helping them find each other. The site, which boasts the largest online database of veterans and serving members of the armed forces, hosts "home pages" for some 25,000 units, ships and squadrons, as well as a "Personnel Locator" that scours a directory containing millions of military members. The site also helps connect veterans to their service-related benefits, providing information on VA Loans, education benefits, employment, health care and insurance. World Wide Web: **http://www.military.com**

Space Simulator: Need a break from the routine? How about a trip into space? Here is a space library, a NASA/JPL/Caltech spyglass on the cosmos. The site contains a mixture of space-related images and programs which visualize the solar system and NASA space missions using computer graphics. The Quicktime movies are compiled from images taken on Jet Propulsion Lab/NASA missions, or you can choose a planet or satellite, and a place to stand, and the simulator will render a color image for you. One can also browse through surface maps of the planets and satellites. World Wide Web: **http://samadhi.jpl.nasa.gov**

CIA World Central: Here is where you can access the CIA World Factbook. Before you travel, you might want to read the country profiles and get info from the State Department site. World Wide Web:
http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html

Ham tip from Clyde K4EOS: Looking for vacuum tubes? A good source is **don@vacuumtubes.net**

THE MOST IMPORTANT BODY PART

Submitted by Carole Ann Ramos KC4VIN

My mother used to ask me what is the most important part of the body. Through the years I would take a guess at what I thought was the correct answer. When I was younger, I thought sound was very important, so I said, "My ears". She said, "No. Many people are deaf. Several years passed before she asked me again. This time I told her, Mommy, sight is very important, so it must be our eyes." She said "No." Over the years Mother asked me a couple of more times, and her answer was "No".

Last year my grandpa died. Everybody was hurt and crying. Even my father cried. I remember that, especially because it was only the second time I saw him cry. My mom looked at me when it was our turn to say our final goodbye to Grandpa, she asked me "Do you know the most important part of your body yet, my son?" I was shocked when she asked me that now. I always thought this was a game between her and me. She saw the confusion on my face, and told me, "This question is very important. "Today is the day you need to learn this important lesson." She looked down at me with tears in her eyes and said, "The most important part of your body is your shoulder." I asked, "Is it because it holds up my head?" "No", she replied. "It is because it can hold the head of a friend or a loved one when they cry. Everybody needs a shoulder to cry on some time in life, my son. I only hope that you have enough love, and friends that you will always have a shoulder to cry on when you need it." Then and there I knew the most important body part is not a selfish one. It is sympathetic to the pain of others. People will forget what you said. People will forget that you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel.

ABELL'S ANECDOTES

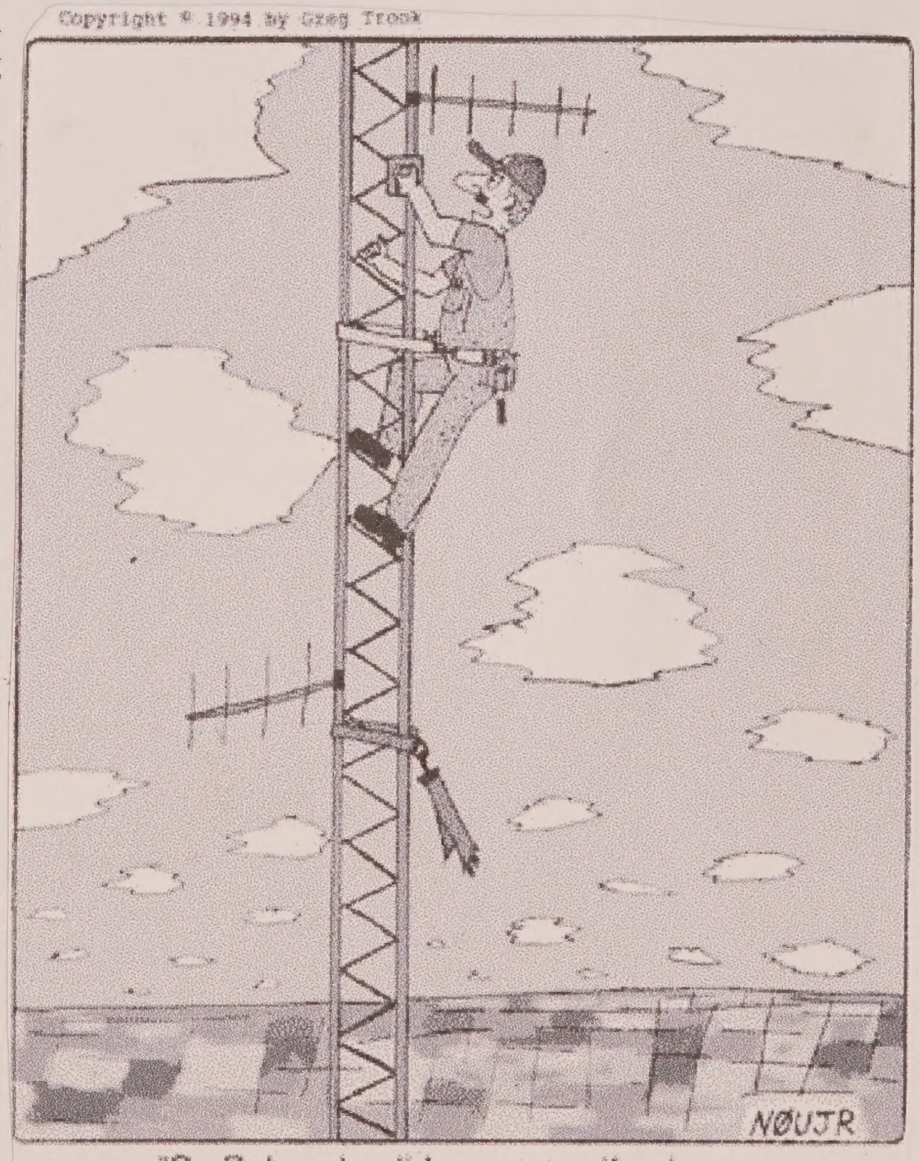
By Pike W4EPU

No doubt, just about everyone has certain foods which they do not care for or simply cannot stand. Oftentimes something happened in the past with a particular food which turned a person against it.
For example, I have two such food items in mind - plums and spam.
One time when I was a teenager one of my brothers and I were rabbit hunting. We were deep in the woods several miles from home. We had no food or drinking water. We ran across a wild plum tree which was just loaded with juicy, ripe and delicious plums. We ate so many that it made us both sick. Since then I have never liked plums in any form whatever. Just the thought of eating plums turns me off, so to speak.
My dislike for Spam stems from a completely different experience. When I was in the Army, stationed in the Alaska Aleutian Islands during WW-2 we were completely dependent on food shipped from the United States. (Alaska was a Territory then.) During one particular time period lasting for several months the only meat product we had was Spam. We were served Spam three meals a day. Fried Spam for breakfast, baked Spam for lunch and broiled Spam for dinner. By the time other meats were shipped in, I was so tired of eating Spam, it almost turned me into a vegetarian. Since that time I have never eaten or cared for Spam. In fact, when Clara and I were married I asked her to please never serve Spam. We have been spamless now for 50 years!!!
What brought to mind those memories, of Spam in particular, was a gift I received this last Christmas. It was from my grandson. He was not aware of my aversion to Spam. It was one of those popular calendars having a page for every day of the year with a different message on each page. The subject of my calendar is "365 Ways to Prepare Spam". Up until now, I thought there were only three ways to prepare Spam - the Army ways.

Reading several of the Spam recipes has given me a whole new attitude. Some of the recipes sound downright delicious. I am anxious to try several of them.
Hmmmm. I wonder if there is a calendar with 365 plum recipes. 73s es 88s

PS Clyde: That possum in the trash can was probably not dead. You see, when possums get excited or scared they sull. In other words, they play dead or "Play Possum".

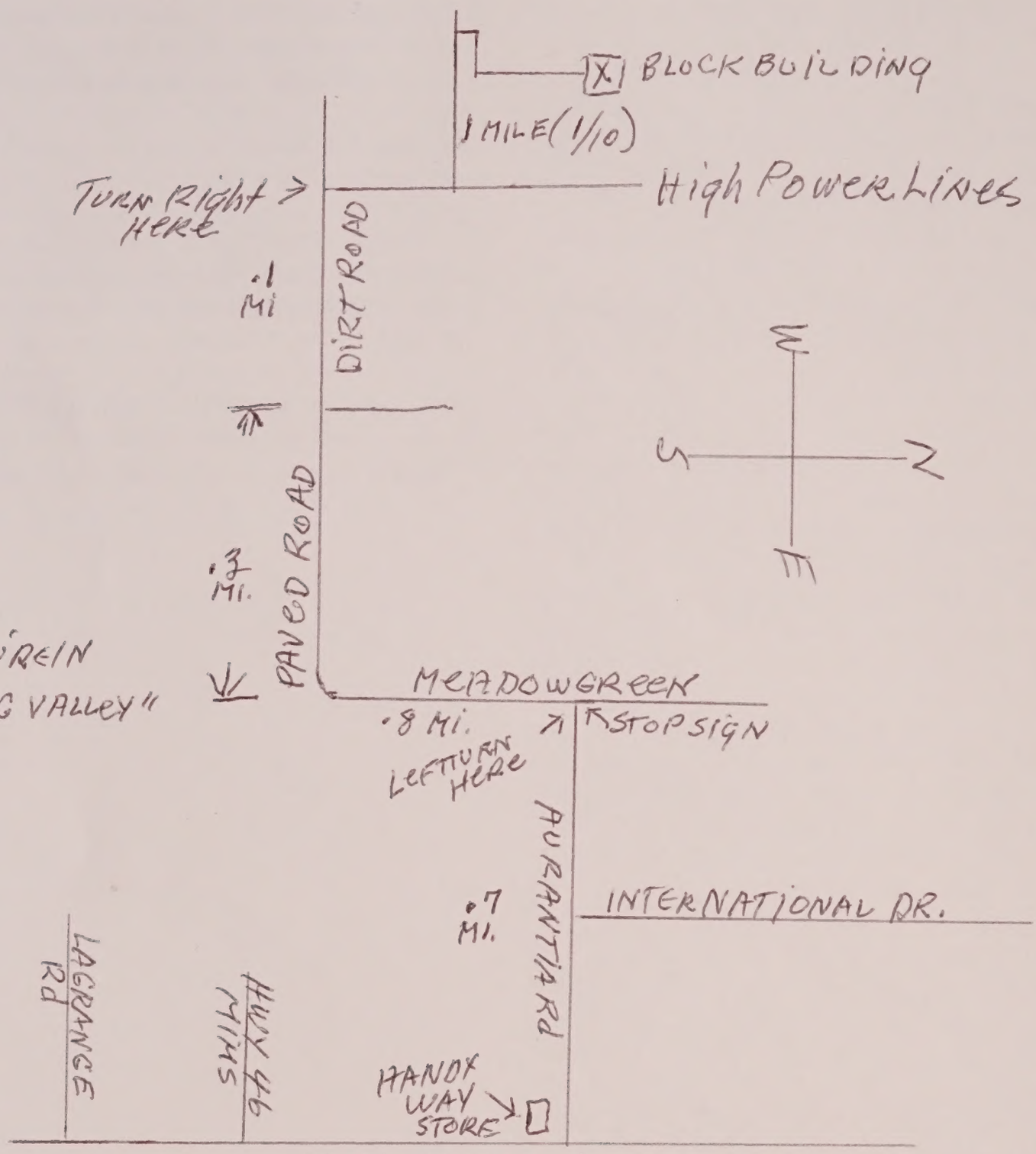
Clyde's answer: Pike, that possum self destructed. He should have quit before he got ground up in the trash truck.



"So Bob...why did your ex-wife give you a new climbing belt for Christmas?"

MAP TO T.A.R.C. 146.775 REPEATER

SUBMITTED BY WN3OHI ARCHIE *



US1 NORTH

6.9 Mi FROM LAGRANGE Rd NORTH ON US 1 TO AURANTIA Rd.

* MAP REDRAWN to Fit NEWSLETTER

K4EOS

DECEMBER MINUTES
By Becky Lee KF4HTB

After the usual opening ceremonies, Jim, WA0VED updated the club on the progress of the Adopt-A-Highway project. Our section of highway is a 2 mile portion of Hwy. 205 (both sides). The contract is for 2 years, and roadway must be cleaned at least 4 times a year. When everything is finalized, there will be a training session at the Highway Department.

Clyde K4EOS announced the table location at the Orlando Hamfest. He also announced that he has a limited number of tickets for sale.

Ozzie N4SCY said that he would volunteer to move the Club's web site from its present location and maintain the new site. The cost to create a new site is $50.00 per year. At this new site members will be able to receive e-mail. A motion was made, voted on and carried to have Ozzie implement the new website.

Anthony KG4CEB announced that on April 24/25, BEARS will be doing a hurricane alert drill, and that BEARS has obtained a 30 to 40 foot crank up tower to be used in emergencies. He also asked for volunteers to help out at a Christian music concert to be held over the weekend.

Bud K4CWG told the club that the City of Titusville has set aside a fixed amount of money to purchase equipment the club will need during emergencies. This equipment will be housed at a city location, but the club will be allowed to borrow the equipment if necessary. He also told the club about a new cabinet to house equipment - located at the Police Station - that he designed.

Archie has drawn a map to the north end repeater site. It will be reproduced in the next newsletter.

Les K4SJC asked that anyone sending equipment for sale at Orlando, please attach a note with asking price and bottom selling price.

The purchase of two new repeater antennas was approved by the club.

Bud gave an update on ill and deceased members.

TREASURERS REPORT
By Becky Lee, KF4HTB

Balance forward from 2000	$4324.14
Deposits Year to Date	489.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$4813.14**
Expenditures	417.82
BALANCE AS AT 1/31/01	**$4395.32**

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bud Hughes, K4CWG. 269-0779
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Sherry Hughes, KU4ZO. 269-0779

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CLUB INFORMATION

Meetings: Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs. at Jaycee Building
Newsletter Editors: KF4HTB Becky Lee
K4EOS Clyde Lee

Nets: **VIP**-Thursdays at 1000 hrs. 146.910
Friendship-Thursdays at 1830 hrs. 146.910
Mosquito-Wednesdays at 1900 hrs. 28.333
Traders-Fridays at 2000 hrs 146.910

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LOVE - NOTHING CAN COMPARE

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
Total membership: 218 (148 regular, 51 family, 13 honorary, 6 other)
NEW MEMBERS:
AC4DY TOM BURNS
RENEWALS:
KE4AGH VERN ANDREWS
KF4AOW BILLY DAMPIER
KE4WJV TERRY DAMPIER
KS4BD DARWIN McCOMBS
KV4DC ROE WEAVER
KC4EBI ART SMITH
N2JY JUDY SMITH
K4KON BRUCE HOOVER
KE4MXG CARL LINEBAUGH
KE4MXH MARILYN LINEBAUGH
KU4NR CHUCK MANION
KF4FEY PENNY MANION
KF4PGU BILL CANFIELD
KB4RBU VERN BAUER
KC4RUF TOM RAC
KK4SH VINCE GONZALEZ
KE4MXC JEAN GONZALEZ
KF4UDO RANDY DAVIS
KD4UZS JOE CARTER
W4VQB BOB NEDIMYER
AC4WM MITCH MATHENY
K4WSE JOHN WOOD

HAMFESTS:02/10-11 ORLANDO
03/3 NEW PORT RICHIE
03/10 SUNRISE
03/10 ENGLEWOOD
03/17 STUART
04/21 TAMPA
04/28-29 GAINESVILLE